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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 6, 2002

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC990101

For approval of its Network
Services Interconnection Tariff,
S.C.C.-Va.-No. 218

ORDER ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

By Order of October 12, 2001, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") rejected a Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement Agreement Addressing Collocation Rates, Terms, and Conditions filed on December 21, 2000, by Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia" or "the Company"). Verizon Virginia filed the Settlement Agreement on behalf of itself and AT&T Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("AT&T"), Sprint Communications Company of Virginia, Inc. ("Sprint"), and WorldCom Inc. ("WorldCom"). Other parties to this proceeding were not parties to the Settlement Agreement.

In the October 12, 2001, Order rejecting the Settlement Agreement, the Commission encouraged Verizon Virginia to include all interested parties in negotiations toward settlement of disputed collocation pricing issues, if possible, and non-pricing issues arising from the Company's collocation tariff. The Commission directed the parties to identify all non-pricing

issues and, on or before December 14, 2001, to file a stipulation containing those non-pricing issues that have been resolved and those that remain. If negotiations on the pricing issues proved to be ineffective, the Commission further directed Verizon Virginia to file on January 15, 2002, state-specific cost studies.

By Order dated January 15, 2002, the Commission suspended the filing requirement upon the Company's representation, in a motion filed on January 11, 2002, that the parties were in the final stages of completing a formal agreement, which they expected to file shortly.

On February 1, 2002, Verizon Virginia filed a second Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement Agreement Governing Collocation Rates, Terms, and Conditions (the "Agreement") on behalf of itself, WorldCom, AT&T, Sprint, Broadslate Networks of Virginia, Inc. ("Broadslate"), and NTELOS Network, Inc., and R&B Networks, Inc. ("NTELOS") (collectively, "Joint Petitioners"). The Joint Petitioners state that the Agreement resolves in a mutually beneficial manner a substantial majority of the issues raised in this case and is in the public interest. The Agreement also purports to resolve many contentious issues regarding collocation rates, terms, and conditions, including cross-connect rates, other collocation rates, the power rate, and several non-price terms and conditions. The Joint

Petitioners request that the Commission approve without modification the rates, terms, and conditions agreed to by the Joint Petitioners set forth in the Agreement.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the Agreement filed by the Joint Petitioners, is of the opinion and finds that interested parties should have an opportunity to comment and request a hearing on the Agreement.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) On or before March 27, 2002, interested parties may file comments and/or request a hearing on the Agreement.

(2) On or before April 8, 2002, the Joint Petitioners may reply to any comments filed by interested parties.

(3) This matter is continued generally.